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STAFF NEWS
JANUARY 10, 1956

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone joined in to make the Christmas Party and Christmas Season one of great joy, fellowship and happiness.

Thanks to Jack Stumbo for his two fine wreaths; one of which was placed on the Old Ranch Road gate. Thanks also go to Marcella Juhrens for supplying greenery and ideas for the large wreaths; to Sully for his carpentry, Bernice McKeen for her ribbon tieing; Charlie Potthast, and others who assisted in making wreaths. Bud Hallberg, Frank Simerly, and Billie Hawk deserve much credit for decorating the headhouse and tree, reminiscent of some our grandparents decorated. Bud's talent for flower arrangements was brought out in several floral decorations.

Joyce Day managed the refreshments and did a fine job as party committee chairman. Sully was in charge of decorations and was responsible for the lighting effects and star which illuminated our Christmas palms.

Jack Stumbo was in charge of the program and included some vigorous games. Dan Martel handled the job of Master of Ceremonies with facility and "Tino" made a most jolly Santa. Dan read his verse entitled "The Night Before Christmas". This humorous parody of the old Christmas story is reproduced on the back page for all our enjoyment.

Musical entertainment was provided for the party by Dan and Bennie Hawthorne. Dan played two very beautiful selections, "Angels Serenade" and "Song to the Evening Star" on his Cello. Bennie Hawthorne sang "Deep River" for us in a very pleasing tenor voice; bringing applause for an encore. He replied with a lively Spiritual.

Saint Nick was very kind to the staff bringing many interesting and useful gifts. Don Woolley was asked about his behavior before Santa would give him his gift. Don assured him that he had been good and was handed a Christmas package containing a pound of bacon and a dozen eggs. Several interesting and novel gifts were received by various members of the staff, but the text seemed very limited. Dr. Lou Martin drew a clever toy Santa. Lou reports that Santa lost his head over the weekend. Mrs. Spalding and Russella McGah received toy dogs. Mrs. Spalding's dog ran about the floor wagging his tail, and Russella's was a "hot" dog. Jack Stumbo's gift was very appropriate, a very life-like toy duck. Frank Simerly is going into competition with "Gopher" Goodrich, he received a beautiful new mouse trap. Dan Martel's gift brought back fond memories to him. His gift was a ceramic Octopus. Dan reports that during his single days he was known as "Dan the Octopus". All arms were in action at one time.

Lloyd Wright of Smog Control and "Santa Tino" are now sporting "Davy Crockett" headgear. We were pleased that Gordon Nesvig, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Board of Supervisors was able to be with us. Gordon's gift was a lively toy lizard; he also won a Dieffenbáchia plant as a door prize.

During the party Dr. Stewart called our attention to the view-master 3-dimensional viewer which is in the library, and which is available for checking out. If any of the staff would like to borrow the Viewer for entertaining their families see Russella McGah. The Viewer is a gift to the Arboretum from Green & Tillisch. Packets which are available are as follows: Robin Hood, Wonders of the Deep, TV Stars, Fairy Tales, The Coronation, and 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea., Robinson Caruso which was filmed at the Arboretum is not in circulation as yet.

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The Arboretum staff expresses our deep sympathy to our Ornithologist and good friend Mr. W. Dan Quattlebaum, on the passing of his beloved wife, Edith Quattlebaum, on December 12.

On Wednesday, December 7th, Don Woolley, gave a very enlightening pictorial sketch of a recent trip to various Arboretums and Botanic gardens.throughout the country. Don's "Bus man's Holiday" was one to bring out envy in our hearts. We certainly thank Don for sharing his experiences and slides with us.

The University of California Clip Sheet for December 20, 1955 includes a report on the Avocado breeding program now under way at the University's Riverside Campus. This program is under the direction of Dr. Peter A. Peterson who spoke to us at our November Staff Meeting. The main purpose of this program is to develop varieties of Avocado trees which are better adapted to Southern California than those now available. Improvement in fruit, more consistent production, and frost resistance are qualities which are being sought. More than 700 different hybrid avocado trees are now being tested including every major commercial variety. So far twenty four different parents have been used in the hybridizations with a total of 86 different parent combinations. The avocado orchard on the Riverside Campus is rated as among the most complete collections of varieties in the world. This is of course important in giving a large number of varieties with important characteristics for use in the breeding program. We will be looking forward with great interest to results from these experiments which should be available within the next five years.

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JANUARY STAFF MEETING

DATE : JANUARY 18, 1956
TIME : 3:15 P.MM.
PLACE : SERVICE UNIT
SPEAKER : DR. BOYSIE DAY

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !



The Christmas Season was made particularly significant this year by donation of three hotel registers from the Hotel San Gabriel dated from 1890 through 1900. The donors were Mrs. Ione H. Hansen and son Dick of San Marino, California. Mrs. Hansen told of finding the registers among her late father-in-law's effects in the family garage.

One of the interesting features of the registers is a section of a letter page devoted to advertizing "Regular Tally-Ho Excursions to Baldwin's Ranch by way of Pasadena and Lamanda Park, returning via Sunny Slope, East San Gabriel Hotel, Old Mission, Alhambra, and Eastside Park"; the Eureka Stables, located in Los Angeles, were the advertizers and called their Tally-Ho "The Swellest Rig in Town."

Much interest is also present in the many intriguing signatures of visitors who stopped at Hotel San Gabriel, written, one notices, in very elegant penmanship. Travelers from the East were numerous and many foreign signatures are to be found. W. W. McKinley's signature appears in the register on Sunday , May 22, 1898, to mention one dignitary. As one thumbs through the pages many familiar Californians are encountered including Lippincott, Baldwin, Otis, Van Nuys, Rothschild, Banning, Rosecrans and Hastings.

The registers include several group functions. The Pasadena Athletic Club's Cross-Country Run group, twenty-five strong, signed one of the registers on Sunday, May 10, 1891. The event was entered as a five mile run in thirty-nine minutes. On June 20th of the year 1891 a group from the Valley Hunt Club of Pasadena signed the registers, and on February 22nd of 1896 the Coulter and Sale Company party was held at the hotel by B. F. Coulter, Jr. and T. D. Sale.

Through the eyes of Mr. Edwin Hayes we can go back and picture the Hotel San Gabriel. Mr. Hayes was railroad agent at the East San Gabriel Station which was in close proximity to the hotel. Mr. Hayes closed down this station in 1896 and later served forty years at the San Gabriel Station. Both Mr. Hayes and Mr. Thomas Temple,(president of San Gabriel Historical Society), place the location of the hotel as two full blocks between Las Tunas Drive on the north, Live Oak Avenue on the south, San Gabriel Boyd. on the east, and California Street on the west. The hotel faced San Gabriel Blvd. and is remembered as a very formidable structure. During the era of the hotel, Las Tunas was not in existence and the boundary streets were 7th and 9th. Over one hundred rooms were contained in the structure including a large Convention Hall. A veranda encircled the building and in the rear was located a huge swiming pool and extensive stables.

Dedication ceremonies marked the opening of our hostelry in 1890. Notables gathered for this send off from all over the valley. The Hotel San Gabriel came upon hard times sometime between 1896 and 1897 and was finally closed out. Next we hear of the building as being in use as a Sanatorium, or Rest Home under the direction of a Dr. Harpster. Later still it functioned as a Masonic Home for children and finally as a home for the aged. In 1929 the hotel went the way of many of its brotherhood, and was demolished. Upon the site today we find a handsome new Safeway store, attesting to the rapid progress of this ares.

Quite a stir of interest has been created over the registers and a news release has been prepared for the Pasadena Star News. The Arboretum and particularly the Historical Society are very much indebted to Mrs. Hansen and Dick for their very valuable gift which is a fine addition to our historical collection.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through LASCA
Not a MIMOSA was stirring, not even QUINN BUCK!
The CYMBIDIUMS were hung in the JUNGLE with care,
In hope that "JUNGLE JIM WHITSELL" soon would be there.
The MUD HENS were settled all snug in their nests,
While visions of FAT WORMS danced through their heads.
And RUSS in her kerchief and TOM in his cap,
Had just settled their SARA for a long winter's nap,
When out at the QUEEN ANNE there arose such a chatter,
GEORGE sprang from his BOURBON to see what was the matter.
Out to the window APOLONIO leaped in a flash,
JACK threw open the shutter and BILLY threw up the sash.
The moon on the crest of the new fallen snow,
Lent the bluster of DEWEY to teenagers below.
And what to DOC MARTIN'S wondering eyes should appear,
But FRANK and his ELEPHANT and eight tiny jeeps.
With little ol' JOSÉ so jolly and quick.
DAN knew in an instant it must be ST. NICK!
More swiftly than SULLY, his MAINT-MEN all came,
And ROSS whistled and BUD shouted and called them by name:
"Now THELMA now BERNICE now JOYCE now TURNER!
On RUTH on ED on JIMMIE on DANCER!
To the top of Tallic Knoll, Now dash away! Dash away!
Dash away all!"
Then FRED reined in his PUT-PUT,
And quick as JACK STUMBO, down the chimney AL came with a bound.
"TINO" stood before us, a right jolly ol' elf,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his sack,
And we laughed when we saw him in spite of ourselves.
MARCELLA'S eyes, how they twinkle and dimples so merry,
BILL'S cheeks were like roses and his nose like a cherry.
CHARLIE'S stump of a pipe was held tight in his teeth,
DON wore a peaked cap and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowlfull of jelly.
And TINO, laying a finger aside of his nose and giving a nod,
Up the chimney he goes.
He sprang to his jeep, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard BILL STEWART exclaim, as they drove out of sight -

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

Dan Martel.

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STAFF NEWS

February 10, 1956

ADDED ATTRACTIONS



There are several new men who have recently joined our staff as Park Maintainance Man Helpers. They are Sam Hamlin, Charles Vega and Henry Geisel. Sam is married and lives with his wife in Covina. He has had a great deal of gardening experience both locally and in Oregon. Charles and his family live in Baldwin Park, they were formerly from Modesto where Charles learned a lot about plants working at various ranches in that area. I must say that if you don't already know Henry you are missing a refreshing addition to the staff, he is acquainted with plants to a small degree and with jokes to a large degree - a good worker and fun to work with. We certainly want to give all of these men a hearty welcome.

While welcoming men don't pass over our new tree trimmer, Warren Smith of El Monte. He worked for Parks and Recreation for several years as a tree trimmer and believe me he swings a wicked axe.

A STITCH IN TIME

We are all happy to see W. Quinn Buck back after his annual operation and hope that his recent one will be the last. He looks good, due, I believe, to the operation, and also the recent gift of Cypripedium orchids given to the Arboretum by Arthur Freed, which seems to have elated Quinn a great deal.

MR. STORK FLIES AGAIN

Norman Aronson certainly needs no introduction, but we don't want to overlook his newly born son, Steve Norman Aronson, who arrived about 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, the 22nd. (Just in time for supper.) Steve was 7 lbs. 3 oz. at birth and he and his mother are getting along very well. Norman hasn't made the extravagant claims for his son that other new fathers we know have, but it goes without saying that he is a fine boy. Contratulations, Norman!

LIFE BEGINS AT 93

Something of a record was established recently at the Arboretum when Mrs.Almeda Boyer, sister of the late boxer, great Jim Jeffries, walked the full length of the Jungle at the age of 93. Completely undaunted by low hanging vine and blocking log, Mrs. Boyer navigated the Jungle paths with great enthusiasm. She vividly recalled trips she had made to this area when Rancho Santa Anita was in its "hey-day". Mr. George Fisher, one of our guards, was extremely thoughtful to have brought Mrs. Boyer and her friend to the Arboretum. We are sure that as she left she took many nostalgic memories of a colorful and gay period in California history.

ORCHIDS FOR THE ARBORETUM

Dr. F. W. Went, President of the Arboretum Foundation, recently announced the gift of 1,028 "Lady Slipper" orchid plants to the California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. The donor was motion picture producer Arthur Freed, whose collection is recognized as one of the finest in Southern California. The donation includes 552 varieties of beautiful "Lady Slipper" (Cypripedium) orchids, valued at approximately $22,000. It is hoped that in the near future a much needed orchid display house will be built to house this splendid collection.

GEORGE AND DOG CELEBRATE

Happy birthday to George Taylor who celebrated on the 24th with his family. They went to see Cinerama, and from all reports enjoyed it very much. He tells us he is a year older, which brings his age somewhere around 32. The birthday was a double one, George's dog became one year older as well as making her one year old.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 39TH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear Mrs. Turner,
Mrs. Spalding and Thelma,
Happy Birthdays to you!

NOTE THIS

A reminder to remember your special events fund and make a donation of 25 cents a month or $3.00 for a year. THIS IS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS ONLY AND THESE FUNDS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EVENTS IN WHICH THE ENTIRE STAFF PARTICIPATES. See either Joyce, Jack Stumbo or Sally for particulars.

STAFF MEETING

TIME : FEBRUARY 15, 1956 - 3:15 p.m.
PLACE : SERVICE UNIT
SPEAKER : MR. ROBERT CASAMAJOR
SUBJECT : CYPRIPEDIUMS

PERSONAL SKETCHES

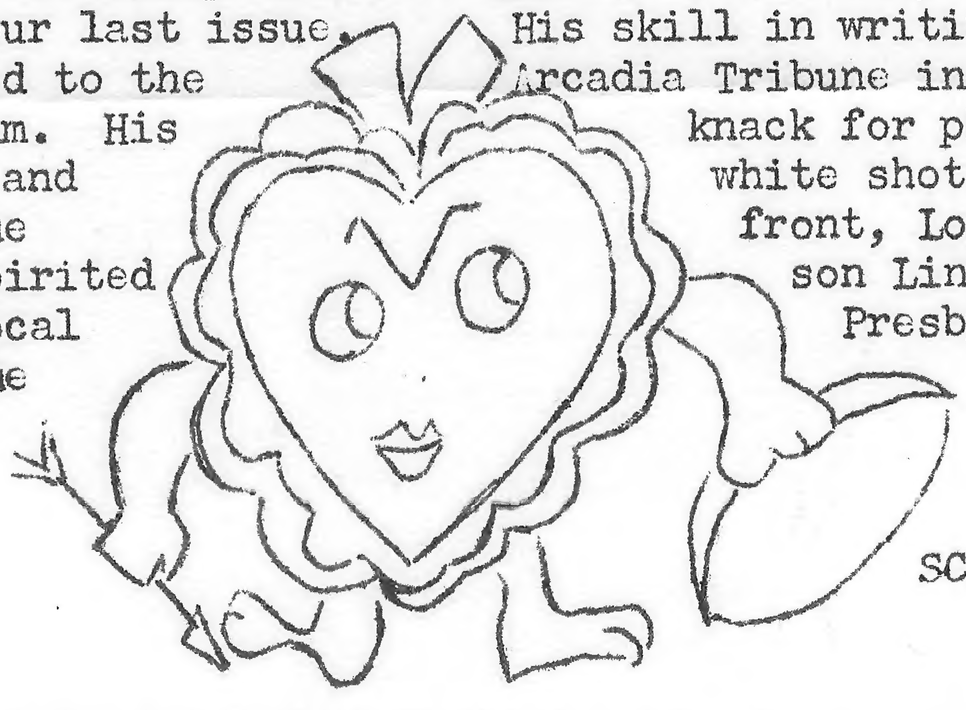
The term naturalist fits Denis Kucera well. He is a young man who has grown up loving plants, animals and birds. As an enthusiastic out-door-man he has visited many of the beauty spots of the United States either with his parents or as an active member of the Youth Hostel group. Denis joined the Arboretum staff in July of 1951, working his way from gardener to Information Aid, the job he held just prior to leaving us. He is now spending his week days working towards a degree in botany at UCLA and his Sundays as a naturalist guide here at the Arboretum. A trip to the vast Kucera home in Pasadena (over-looking the Arroyo Seco) serves to illustrate the boundless devotion this family has for nature. Denis grew up as one of four brothers and one sister in an atmoshpere of books, plants, and music. We wish him fair sailing and much success and look forward to his return.

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LASCA LIBRARY has been rapidly expanding and increasing in value under the efficient direction of Russella McGah. Russella is a native daughter of Massachusetts and a graduate of Teachers College, Columbia, where she received her degree in Education. She used this teachers training to full advantage, spending 16 years teaching the fifth and sixth grade school level. Russella first came to the Arboretum in August of 1951, as a part time employee, assisting husband Tom McGah in records work. As librarian she now has the immense job of completing the cataloguing of our growing collection of Horticultural literature. The McGah family lives in Arcadia and includes an attractive teenage daughter, Sara. The McGahs are lovers of things cultural, being patrons of musical and artistic events in Pasadena.

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In the realm of test tubes, tape measures, and flash bulbs, Dr. Lou Martin is outstanding. Lou is a Ph D. graduate from UCLA, a former employee of the Morton Arboretum, Chicago, and at present our Plant Physiologist. He is taking a very important part in steering the Arboretum's scientific experiments and projects. Recently Lou added the editorship of LASCA LEAVES to his many activities, having served as co-editor of our last issue. His skill in writing is apparent in the many articles contributed to the Arcadia Tribune in the form of weekly glimpses of the Arboretum. His knack for photography is attested to by the unusual black and white shots in the Annual Report for 1954-55. On the home front, Lou and Betty Martin live in Arcadia and have a spirited son Lindsay, aged 21 months. The activities of the local Presbyterian Church take up much of the Martins' home time.

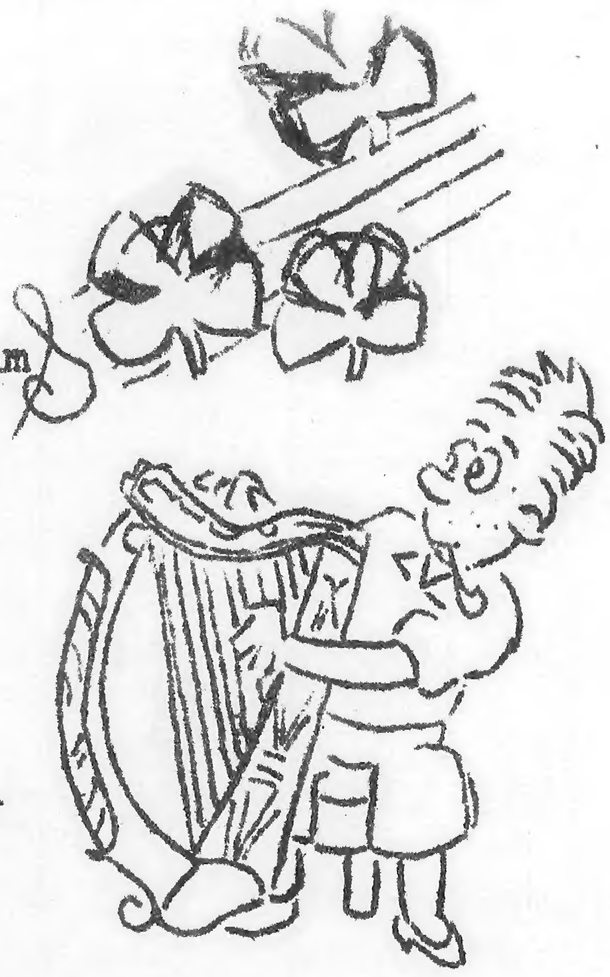


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STAFF NEWS

March 10, 1956



WELCOME

Gerry V. Patten recently joined our staff as "Arboretum Research Aid". He has an excellent background in plant work having operated his own sixty acre farm in New Jersey and in addition is a fine illustrator, a talent that will be very helpful in his work here.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Benny Hawthorne is certainly justly proud, his son Garry was recently elected Vice President of the student body at Clifton Junior High School in Monrovia. Benny also tells us Garry is student head of the Art Department. I am sure with Benny to encourage him he will certainly succeed in future undertakings.

NOTICE

I would appreciate it if those who would be interested in driving the Jeep on a Sunday in the event of an emergency, would give me their name and telephone number.

Frank Simerly.

BEN BENSON

A man who is gifted in seeing the world in an unusually poetic and artistic manner is our friend Ben Benson. The beauty of the Arboretum has inspired many a poem and story from his deft pen. Ben and Dewey Nelson are well known in this vicinity for their unique and poignant lectures on the Arboretum. These lectures have brought both tears and laughter from many an audience and have been very successful in creating enthusiasm for our work.

Last month Ben, after over a years absence, resumed his evening lecture work for the Arboretum with an excellent program for the Venture Club in Arcadia. With great zest and humor he introduced the audience to the beauties of the Arboretum, and illustrated that beauty with remarkable colored slides.

Not so many years ago Ben married a charming lady and together they follow the nature trail. Welcome back Ben, we are much enriched by your presence.

LOOKING AT AID

A rare opportunity to contribute to and support many worthy charitable organizations without the continued annoyance of the multitude of separate fund-raising campaigns exists in joining AID (Associated In-group Doners). AID is a voluntary grouping together of donors for the purpose of raising more money at less expense for the support of health and welfare charities. Causes which are supported by AID allotments are as follows: Community Chest, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Heart Association, Multiple Sclerosis, Sister Kenny Foundation, Y.M.C.A., Arthritis and Rheumatism, City of Hope, and Braille Institute of America. Your contribution must be to a charitable, health or welfare group, not to individual church, WCTU, Alcoholics Anonymous, March of Dimes or Animal Society.

AID cuts the cost of fund raising and provides more money for the causes of your choice. Causes are now receiving more net contributions as indicated by Community Chest which went over its quota last year. All the causes enthusiastically endorses the AID plan. If you once sign up for AID you will not be approached again to give to any cause at your place of employment or at your home. Giving by payroll deductions eliminates the "out-of-pocket" giving of larger amounts, not to mention its time saving aspects. AID furthermore erases the possible danger of contributing to unorthodox or poor causes. You may possibly wish to contribute to a specific charity, and you may do so by filling out a designation form. AID does not tell you where your money must go, any of the listed charitable causes may be excluded. All contributions through AID are tax deductible.

AID membership is completely voluntary, continuing for as long as you desire. Special designations are good for a period of one year. You pay only when you are working and may stop AID deductions at any time.

The Board of Directors of AID (volunteer group elected by donors) have established a new policy in regard to the range of percentage rates. Where before, the only per cent offered was a standard 1/2 of 1% of your gross income, the rates have been broadened to meet all employee financial situations and abilities to give. You may now contribute by the following percentage rates:

1/4 of 1%	1/2 of 1%	2/3 of 1%
1/3 of 1%	Standard	3/4 of 1%

For a monthly salary of #319 a standard 1/2 of 1% would amount to monthly deductions of $1.59; a 1/4 of 1% deduction $.79; 1/3 of 1% a deduction of $1.06; a 2/3 of 1% $2.13; and a 3/4 of 1% would equal $2.39.

All contributions to AID receive a lapel button, but only those giving a standard 1/2 of 1% or above, receive the window sticker and identification card. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS, no matter what they contribute, become immune to further solicitation.

It would be appreciated if all new employees would contact AID Representative Ed Pugh in the office to discuss the AID program in more detail. A list of AID facts, and the breakdown or schedule of payroll deductions will be made available to you.

DO YOU'RE PART, THE EASY WAY, FOR ALL WORTHY CHARITIES!

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DR. STEWART ON TRIP

Many of you will be interested to know that Dr. Stewart left last Tuesday on an extensive tour of various Arboreta & Gardens of the country. His schedule which is a full one includes visiting ten different gardens, and of course meeting their directors. We all hope his trip will be fruitful and enjoyable. There will probably be additional news on this trip when Dr. Stewart returns on March 20th.

ARBOR DAY

The entire staff was invited to attend the Arbor Day Ceremony at the Herb Garden on Wednesday, March 7th at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony began with the presentation of the Colors and the pledge of Allegiance led by Arcadia Girl Scout Troop 62, followed by a choral reading of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" by the same group.

Mrs. Edwin Best, President of the Los Angeles Garden Club presented 18 purple leaf plum trees to the Arboretum. A specimen Magnolia was presented to the Arboretum by a representative of Las Jardinerias Garden Club.

Mr. Ralph D. Cornell, 1st Vice President of the Arboretum Foundation accepted these trees and presented 6 Eucalyptus gunnii to troop 62 for distribution to Elementary schools in Arcadia. Supervisor John Anson Ford gave an address entitled "The Significance of Arbor Day in Los Angeles County". The program closed with the singing of "Americ The Beautiful".

SCRIBES:
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Frank Simerly



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STAFF NEWS

April 10, 1956



SPRING



It's Spring! Again life focuses
On grasses and on crocuses
On rows of deep blue irises
And one or two new viruses.
Philene Hammer
Saturday Evening Post.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Dedication of the new Gatehouse and Administration building is planned for the last half of July. Building progress is favorable in spite of the storm in February, with construction running only about twelve days behind schedule. The contractors expect to be able to make up this time. This is happy news indeed for our office staff who soon may be working with desks double decker style.

ON THE WINGS OF PEGASUS

Dr. Stewart returned last week from his two-week trip to: The Morton Arboretum; Garfield Conservatory; Longwood Gardens, now headed by our former director Dr. Seibert; National Arboretum, Washington, D. C.; Historical Restoration of Williamsburg, Richmond; Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia; The Philadelphia Museum; New York Botanical Garden; The Brooklyn Botanic Garden; The Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University; New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University; Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University; and the Missouri Botanical Garden at St. Louis. After withstanding the snows and sleet of the Eastern Seaboard the doctor came home with new found praise for balmy Southern California.

REQUEST

The gardeners have banded together to request that the new student workers for the summer months resemble our Sue of last year. Wonder what Gina Loolobrigida is doing?

FOR OR AGAINST

Don Woolley upon asking one of the gardeners to spray a plant for aphids received this startling question, "Was he supposed to spray against them or for them?"

CUPID SCORES AGAIN

Congratulations to Mrs. Lee Henry, formerly Thelma Blanchard. Mr. Henry is a Mechanical Engineer with Condition Air Limited of West Covina.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Frank Simerly on his (?) birthday. Understand he will receive a new birthday suit.

HELP, HELP!

We would welcome any suggestions you, the staff, might have on a name for your paper. If you have a suggestion drop it in a suggestion box or leave it with Ed Pugh. Thank you.

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PERSONAL SKETCHES

Ross Goodrich

Two of the most mature of the new plantings in the Arboretum are the Demonstration and Display Area and the Oriental Garden, both being developed by Ross Goodrich. Ross's latest project is a natural appearing brook, complete with pools, which winds from the fence down past plants of the Orient and into the upper lagoon. Ross was born a native Californian some time after the Gold Rush and has had wide experience in both gardening and landscaping. He has worked around plants so many years he won't tell how many.

Jim Cauffield

Dapper Jim Cauffield was born in Monrovia, attended grade school in Arcadia, graduated from high school in Monrovia and then began his college education at Cal Poly, San Dimas. In April of 1953 Jim joined the Arboretum staff, but later left us for a time to complete requirements for his degree in Horticulture. He has given Uncle Sam two years of service in the Infantry and Medical Corps. Jim holds the job of Arboretum Nurseryman and is very familiar with plant materials. He is currently publicity director for the Ornamental Horticulture Alumni Association of Cal Poly, editing their News Letter and releasing news to Nursery Trade Magazine.

Bud Hallberg

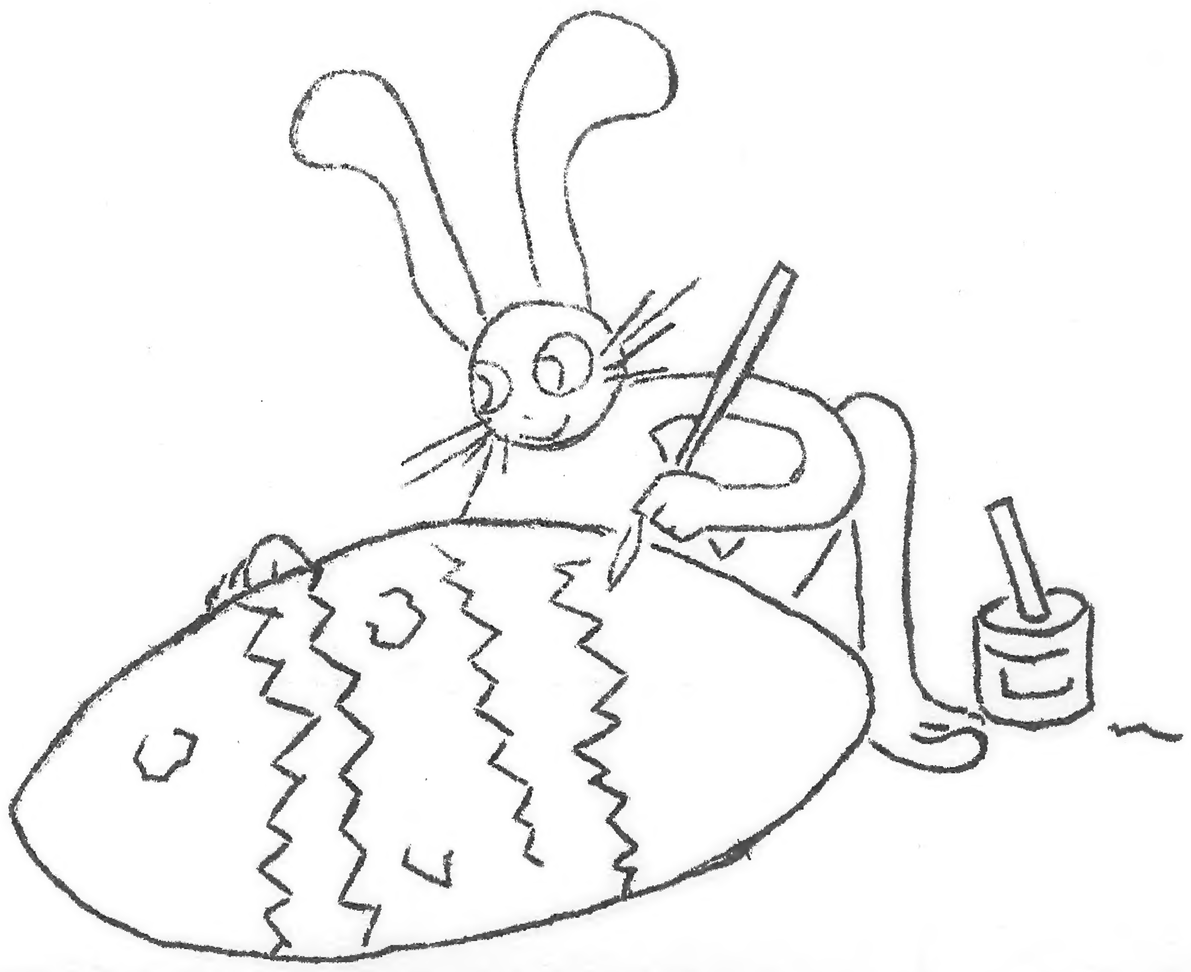
Whether at home in his lovely Temple City garden or among the palms and bamboos of the Arboretum, Bud Hallberg is sensitive to the beauties of the plant world. His background includes gardening in the La Jolla and Del Mar areas, ownership of a small nursery, and experience in the florist field. Bud is a product of Temple City schools, and a veteran of service on the briny deep with the Coast Guard. He has his own glass-house at home, is enthusiastic about tropical fish, and has an assortment of pets about the house.

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PARTY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

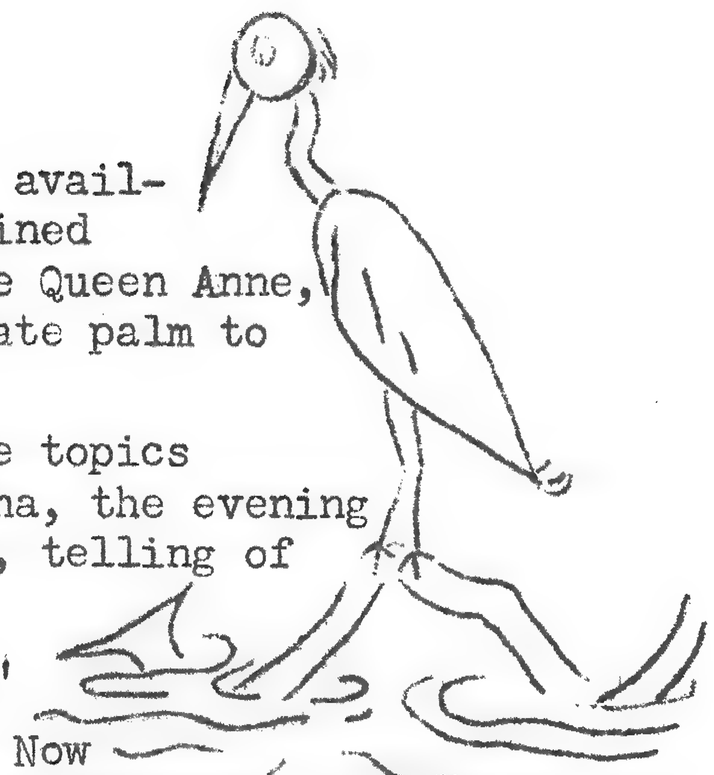
Party Fund Contributions are now being collected by Joyce, Sulley, Jack Stumbo. 25 cents a month or $3.00 a year.

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Frank Simerly



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STAFF NEWS
MAY 10, 1956



Colored photographic views of the Arboretum are now available in the form of post cards. These cards may be obtained from Mrs. Turner or Frank Simerly. You have shots of the Queen Anne, Coach barn, Fall colors of the grape vine, and oblique date palm to choose from. A set of four cards costs you 25 cents.

Ed Pugh won the tie clasp for participation in table topics (extemporaneous speech) at Pomona Toastmaster 12 in Pomona, the evening of April 30th. He spoke on smogs relationship to plants, telling of some of the research being carried on at the Arboretum.

"Is they is or is they ain't"

Dan Martel has started photographing Jet Peacocks. Now you see them, now you don't. A recent slide was entitled "Peacocks in Flight", but where is the peacock?

"Malihinis"

A warm welcome goes out to Mrs. Delores Hubbell who just recently joined the Arboretum family. She will assist Mrs. Turner with the business of the Arboretum Foundation. Mrs. Hubbell is a resident of Arcadia, living, in fact, in close proximity to the Arboretum gates.

Don Kirkpatrick is new to our ranks. He is married, has two daughters and resides in Arcadia. Don was born and raised a "Hoosier" in Walker, Kansas, but has lived in California since 1926. You will see him put-putting about the grounds in the race of the mowers.

Charles Vega is another new mower pilot at the Arboretum. Just six months ago Charles was coming out of the Army after serving with the occupation forces in Japan. A native Californian, born in Los Angeles, he now lives in Covina with his wife and four month old son.

PERSONAL SKETCHES

Jose Hernandez is to be complimented on the spick and span tidiness of his parkway section. Jose is a collector of hats from way back and the father of four children. He has hopped about greatly since his birth in Longtree, Texas, landing finally in El Monte, California where the family resides. Our amigo has been with us since August 3, 1953.

Jack "Adam" Stumbo is charge d'affaires of the Garden of Eden, sometimes known as the "hole". Jack was born in Covina, but attended school in the Temple City area. He is a veteran of three years in the Army Signal Corp during which time he was able to travel in Western Europe and to Island hop in the Mediterranean. Jack came to the Arboretum in August of 1953, having previously held a position with the University of California Extension service in the Imperial Valley. His activities include membership on our staff party committee. He lists his hobbies as girls, fishing, finger painting, and girls.

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ARBORETUM STAFF PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1956 FROM 12:00 TO 6:00 P.M.
at
THE CAL POLY CAMPUS IN SAN DIMAS

At the staff meeting held on May 9th, the employees voted to have a catered common menu of baked beans and potato salad for our picnic supper. Dr. Stewart is furnishing the steaks to be barbecued and served at 4:00 o'clock. As a result of having the main dishes catered we will need to assess each employee fifty cents for the members of their family 14 years of age and over. The assessment for children up to and including 13 years of age will be twenty-five cents each. This fund will defray the expenses of having this food furnished and prepared for serving. If any of the employees would like to bring any additional food items such as rolls, pickles, olives, celery, tomatoes, deviled eggs, potato chips, etc. it would certainly be appreciated. The employee party fund will furnish coffee, cream, sugar, cold drinks, desert, paper plates, napkins and paper cups. Each family is asked to bring their own silver service.

We will have the swimming pool made available to us and also the dressing rooms for the men and women but the employees and families must furnish their own bath towels. The pool will be open to us between the hours of 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. with a lifeguard on duty.

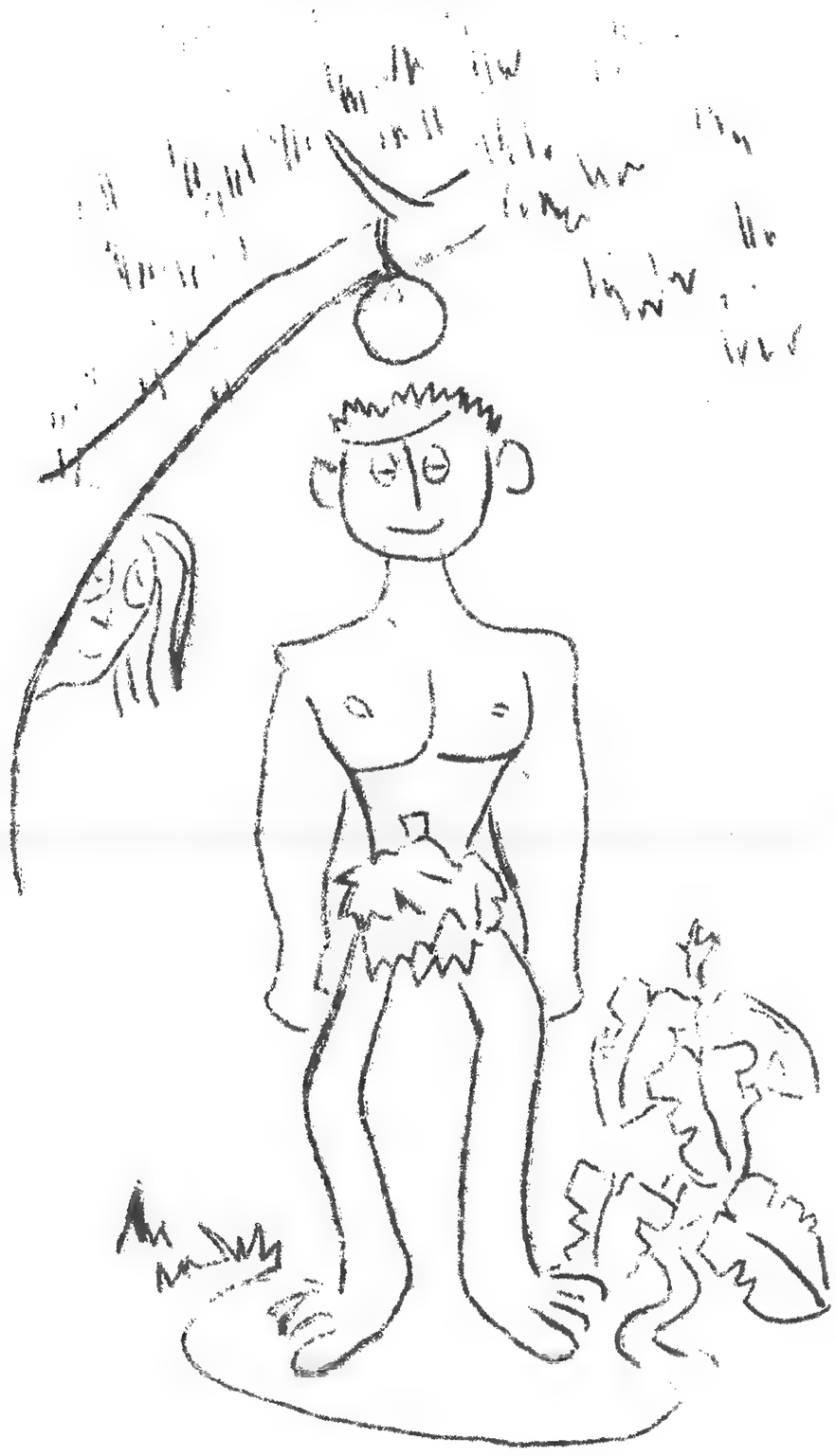
If you have further questions please contact any member of the Committee, Jack Stumbo, Sully or Joyce.

Ed Pugh

Bob Whitesell

Scribes

The End



6-8-56





STAFF NEWS

JUNE 8, 1956

PICNIC
(Minus Bill Holden)

Those of you who did not attend the staff picnic missed a grand afternoon. "Old man Baseball" was the popular sport of the day; such athletes as Billy Hawk, Frank Simerly, and the slugging McGah family (Tom and Sarah) were seen on the diamond. Norm Aronson won first prize in another athletic event by devouring three large steaks. Still other "Polar bears"(example, Don Woolley) braved the cool pool.

Helping hands were present as usual. Dr. Stewart proved to be a barbecue chef par excellence and the staff party committee did its usual fine job. We owe Jolly Batchelor, instructor in Horticulture at Cal Poly, San Dimas), a vote of thanks for the fine hospitality afforded our staff.

ARBORETUM GADABOUTS

Dr. Lu Martin has returned after a two week trip East. He made interesting visits to Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois; University of Wisconsin, Madison; Arboretum, Hales Corners, Wisconsin; and Missouri Botanic Gardens. His return, across the vast prairies, was made in an inherited Nash.

Lu sat in on an extremely helpful demonstration and talk at Morton Arboretum. The speaker was Mrs. T. Watts, a well known Naturalist, working with the Arboretum's Educational program, she has a book coming out soon which will be of great assistance in furthering Nature Education.

Superintendent George Spalding recently wandered far afield. His itinerary included the late Dr. David Fairchild's Coconut Grove; Colonial Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia; National Arboretum, Washington D. C.; and a four day reunion with Dr. Seibert and family at Longwood.

A highlight of the trip was the chance George had to chat with old school chums at Stockbridge Agricultural College and at the New York Botanical Gardens.

"DEDICATION PREVIEW - OPEN HOUSE" - FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND FAMILIES.

JULY 26th at 2:00 P.M.

An "Open House" is being planned for staff members and their families for July 26th at 2:00 p.m.

This is a staff preview before the formal dedication of the new Administration and Gatehouse buildings on July 27th. Please reserve the afternoon of July 26th for you and your family to attend this "Open House Preview".

MORE DETAILS ON JULY 10TH

"COOT CONSTRUCTION"

A new structure is going up at the Arboretum; an edifice rivalling the new Information Office in originality and daring. The architects and builders are mama and papa Coot and their project a new lake-side home.

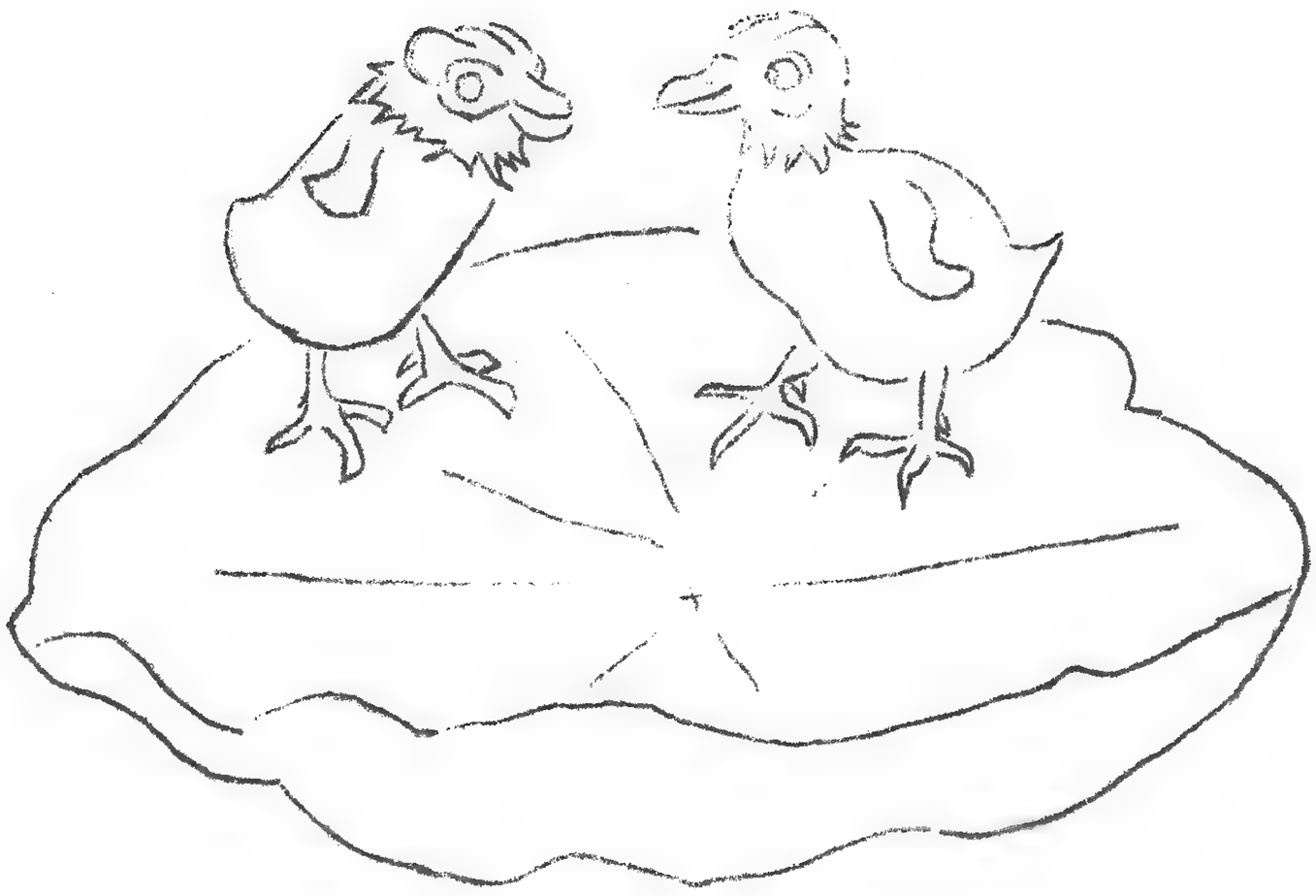
Mama and papa picked a beautiful site atop some water lily pads with a grand view of the old adobe. A foundation of water lily stems was laid and followed by strong walls of Eucalyptus leaves and twigs. A roof of water lily pads was a later addition.

Working industriously, papa (the contractor) scoured the lagoon for building materials which he carried in his ivory colored bill to mama. Mama took the materials from papa and proceeded to act as chief carpenter. Periodically she would take a cooling dive being sure to dry and preen herself carefully before sitting on her eggs.

"Coot Manor" is now a reality, but repairs and additions continue. Hope is high that construction will hold and not give way as it did last year. Papa has been noticed out playing with the boys of late, so confidence must be high.

Before many weeks papa and mama will hear the pitter-patter of little semi-webbed feet. Seated on a lily pad trying out their swimming abilities will be several strange looking creatures, straight from the egg and looking for all the world like a man from Mars. Baby Coot comes complete with large proboscis (bill) huge "Cantor" eyes, and big feet.

As proud parents mama and papa Coot aren't so crazy after all!



7-10-56

STAFF NEWS

JULY 10, 1956

STAFF MEETING

There will be a staff meeting July 11, 1956 at 2:15 p.m. It will be held on the lawn in front of the "Queen Anne" cottage. Dr. Grieb of Australia will be the speaker. He is now studying at Cal-Tech.

OPEN HOUSE FOR STAFF

About two weeks ago the painful decision was made to postpone the dedication of the Administration Building and Gatehouse from July 27th until sometime this fall. It is now planned however, to have an open house for the staff on July 27th at 2:00 p.m. so that they and their families can see the progress being made at the Arboretum, have a jeep train tour of the grounds, and from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. meet former director Russ Seibert and his wife Denny at a reception in the historical area. To allow the staff to bring their families no work is scheduled after the usual lunch hour.

FLYING DOWN TO PUERTO RICO



Dan Martel sprouted wings on the evening of the 22nd of June. He left on the American Airliner flight to Miami where he met the Pan-American plane for Puerto Rico. Joining his wife in Puerto Rico he will proceed to motor thru the island pursuing his favorite pastime, photography. His travels and quest for scenic areas will be eased by his wife's relatives and their automobile. Dan will be gone for two glorious weeks during which time he will visit the tropical rain forest near San Juan and take his wife cha cha cha dancing.



BON VOYAGE

Denis Kucera is off on his European jaunt with the Youth Hostelers. This date should find him far out into the Atlantic. He is crossing on the Greek Line ship T.S.S. New York. A card from "Haliburton" contained comments about the numerous Catalpas flowering throughout the east, peacocks calling in the Bronx Zoo (a la LASCA), and heat plus smog in New York City

VISITING HOURS FOR DEWEY NELSON AT BARLOW

Barlow Sanatorium, 1301 Chavez Road, Los Angeles
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SINCERE WELCOME TO:

George Bunting who arrived last week from the East and will serve as Plant Taxonomist or manipulator of the plant keys.

Eleanor Irvine attractive and petite blonde of Baldwin Park, who will come in July 9, to begin her duties as Arboretum Receptionist. Mrs. Irvine comes to us from the County department of Communications.

WHAT AM I?

(A CRAZY MIXED UP KID)

One of our young peacocks is in need of a Psychiatrist and his couch. This young fellow is under the impression that he is a duck.

The trouble all began when he was hatched from a batch of eggs believed to contain only ducks. He is now exclusively a part of the duck tribe having nothing to do with his own kind.

Our perplexed friend gazes down upon his fellows from stilted legs, looking like a giant among Lilliputians. A new biological freak may result from such an association, who knows, maybe a combination foghorn and champion swimmer, a"peaduck". Anyday now we are likely to find - unconfirmed - swimming about the lagoon. A mirror would seem in order

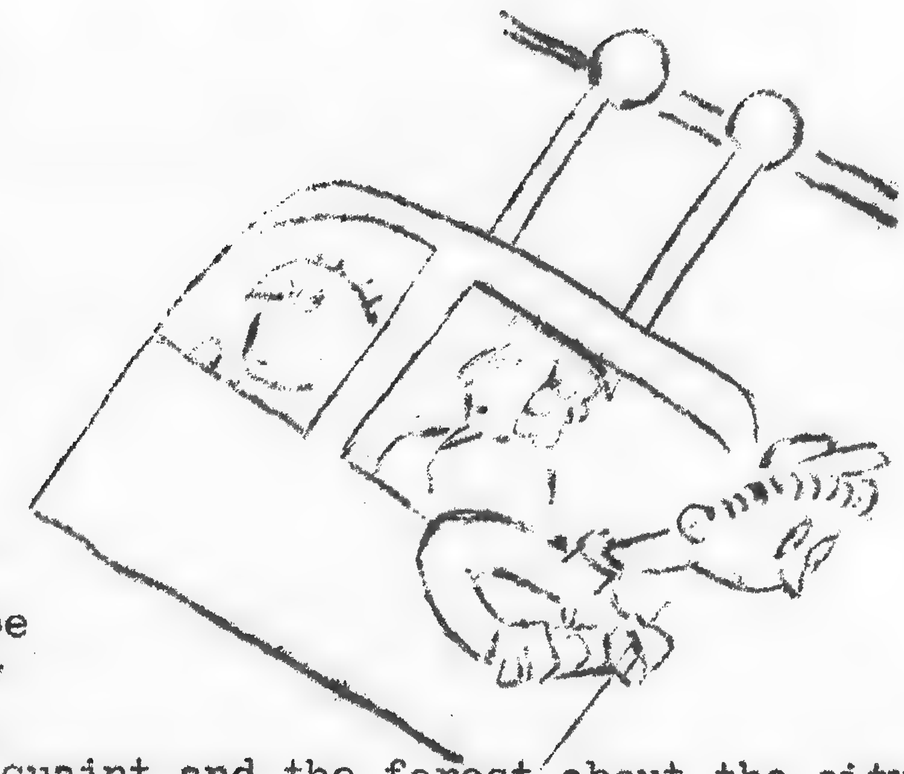


Ed Pugh
Scribe

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STAFF NEWS

10 August 1956



UP HAFELEKAR

Latest word from Dennis Kucera, our wandering Hostelier, places him somewhere between Innsbruck and Salzbury in Austria.

Innsbruck looks from Dennis' card to be a charming city nestled beneath rugged snow capped mountains. The city streets, shops, and turnip top churches appear archaic and quaint and the forest about the city dense.

Our boy is back at his mountain climbing tricks, however, this time he did not use his famed hiking legs, but rather took a three stage cable car to the summit of Hafelekar (7,700 ft.).

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING

Dan Cupid has been flitting about the Arboretum of late and has scored twice.

Dave Ferguson was married to Joannie Mendenhall Sunday the 5th. After the honeymoon trip Dave will begin his studies in Agronomy at Davis.

Sully also left behind single stature and brought home a wife. We welcome Louise to the Arboretum family.

NICE TO HAVE YOU ABOARD

The welcome mat is hereby rolled out for the new summer faces including: Francis Ching, James Bennett, Andrew Edwards, Dan Jappport, Chuck Kline, Glenn Bierman and John Allen.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Bennie on the passing of his father on Tuesday. The services will be Friday, August 9th 2:00 p.m., at A. M. E. Zion Church in Monrovia, corner of Canyon Boulevard and Huntington Drive.

MEMO

If you have any doubts about your standing with the party fund, see Jack Stumbo or Sully. Dues are $ .25 a month.

PERSONAL SKETCHES

Charlie Potthast

Utility Operator Charlie Potthast is a very civic minded citizen of Temple City, the affairs and organizations of the city are deeply entwined with his life.

A very active member of the American Legion he is a past Commander and at present Adjutant of Post 279. His stint with the Navy as a fireman was during World War I. Charlie has been instrumental in organizing Civil Defense in the Temple City area and serves as it's area commander. He furthermore has the distinction of being

a past president of the Temple City Community Chest and a member of the Board of Directors of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A family portrait shows wife Lucile, two children and five grandchildren. The Potthast are enthusiasts of things Mexican and have spent several memorable vacations in the Guaymas - La Paz areas.

THE AMAZING HERBS

You are no doubt aware that Herb Lectures are being held at the Arboretum. Herbs are amazing both in diversity of use and fragrance. If you are not acquainted with them you should be, they will bring spice into your life.

Looking for a low creeping plant suitable for planting between stepping stones, try Chamomile.

Need a cascading background shrub, plant bush rosemary.

If you have sores, investigate our native Fremontia.

Would you like to bring new flavor to your string beans, add creeping savory.

For new experiences in tea drinking, Black Sage, horehound and a mixture of lemon verbena and mint leaves are available.

Throat sore, munch a sandwich of fresh grated horse-radish.

And above all add a little Rosemary to the bath!



9-7-56

STAFF NEWS

7 September 1956



Ode to the Algae: let phygons be phygons.

Gerry "spray gun" Patten contributes to poetry.

VACATION TIME

Dr. Stewart returned a short time ago from a pack trip in the High Sierras. The journey progressed from Bishop Pass thru Little Pete Meadow to the middle fork of the Kings River. The party consisted of the Stewart clan and a tiny burro named Pancho Lopez.

Pancho Lopez was light-hearted as he jogged along the trail, but suddenly he decided to add a bit of humor to the trip; Pancho was all through, no more trail for him--nada. He squatted down and became an immovable object. To quote Homer "The gods that unrelenting breast have stell'd and curr'd thee with a mind that cannot yield".

BEAT A TRAIL TO OUR DOORSTEP

Did you know that between January 9, 1955, and December 31, 1955, 47,007 visitors came thru our gates. Even more encouraging 31,600 folks have been tallied this first half of 1956.

PUPPY LOVE

Lasca office life has been brightened by the appearance of Lady and Duchess. One is often greeted by these two very plump ladies on approaching the office door.

Lady and Duchess, age seven weeks, carry the proud blood lines of the English Bull and the Collie. Mama is none other than Prim Cheryl Lady Lasca and papa the pedigreed King of Sandusky.

Royalty met on the shores of Big Bear Lake and a mountain romance ensued. Thelma Henry, proud owner of Lady Lasca, presented Lady and Duchess to Sully recently. The entire staff now can enjoy anusing puppy antics.

STORRS OF KNOWLEDGE

Dr. Lu Martin is back from Conn., and the University of Conn. at Storrs, where he gave a paper dealing with cistus experiments at the Arboretum.

The occasion, a meeting of Biological Societies sponsored by the American Institute for Biological Sciences, attracted an attendance of four thousand. Dr. Martin said delegates expressed interest in the effort being made here to develop cistus for reforestation and to provide a soil erosion cover.

Dr. Stewart accompanied Lu and made some valuable contacts with men in the chemical line.

OTHER VACATIONISTS

Vacation time has ended for Frank "Sinatra" Simerly who did not go west, but north--visiting the Santa Crus area. He made an oath on leaving that he would soak up the sun's rays, nothing else. We have learned from Frankie that he obsorbed much more than sun per se a great deal of beauty from the roadsides of Santa Cruz. He wrote while on his travels, and in glowing terms, of the begonias, princess flowers and dahlias in "God's Arboretum".

Bud Hallberg journeyed again to Mexico and still later to Rocklin in the "Mother Lode" country of California. Mexico proved exciting, trips being made to Acapulco, Puebla, Toluca and the scenic mountain resort of San Jose Potosi. Bud found that gold can be found in the sparkling streams running thru the "Mother Lode"; panning will still uncover the shinning mineral.

Other vacation minded folks include Jim Cauffield who has returned from a trip to the state of Washington; Joyce Day who is vacation bound; Marcella Johran finds the swimming good at Catalina Island; and Jack Fawcett on his way back to the saddle and Sierra trails.

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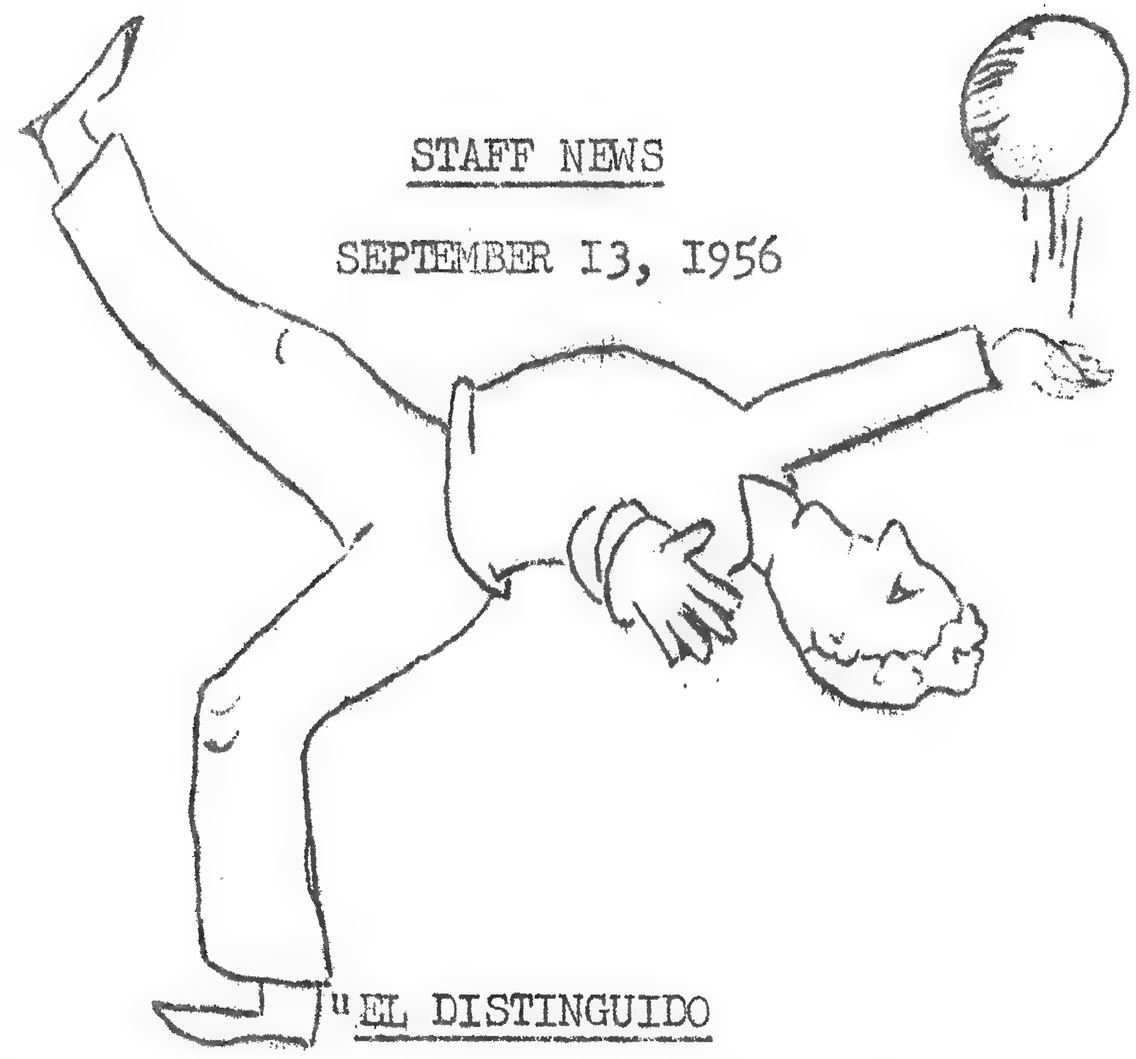
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STAFF NEWS

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"EL DISTINGUIDO

'EL DISTINGUIDO for today is GEORGE H..LEWIS, you can usually spot him at the Headhouse by his smoke; according to the date, - from or to payday,-before ... he will be smoking 5 cent 'EL ROPO' cigars and, after... fine cuban panatellas.

His botanical background is most impressive and the Arboretum is, indeed, very fortunate in acquiring his services. That he is dedicated to plant life is evident; prior to coming here he was with the Dept. of Landscape and Beautification, Div. of Highways, State of Calif. R eceived his B.S. Degree from Hampton Institute, in Virginia, with a major in Ornamental Horticulture and a minor in Biology.

Practical experience with: Brewster-Mansfield Penthouse Landscape Co. in Manhattan, N.Y., this, and also, of a crew of gardeners in fabulous Westch ester County, as Superintendent-in-charge. Too talk with George, you are immediately aware that here is a ma n who knows his plants.

Those of you who have had the privilege of meeting his wife, Hortense, will, I am sure, realize that here is a lady with an innate sense of dignity and charm that immediately win you to her. She is a school teacher in the L.A. School System.

As has become apparent to me in conversations with LASCANS, they are persons with wide cultural interests; "A thing of beauty is a Joy Forever", and a ppreciate the finer things in life. GEORGE, is no exception, he is a music lover and his interest ranges from opera through the cerebric music of Beethoven to the Romantic melodies of Chopin. If, during the current baseball season you would like to know the standings of individuals or teams in the Major Leagues, you have only to ask him and he will give you 'up to the minute' reports on computation of averages and top contenders, for this is his most active hobby.

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Now, you will begin to realize each individual mentioned in this series ia a "Distinguido" and, you will find that their knowledge is not merely empirical. Engage them in conversation and you will meet well-informed, interesting persons. George is currently delving into the fascinating mysteries of taxonomy and will, of course, make rapid headway.

PICNIC

Ask the man who was there, and he will tell you that for sheer good fellowship this picnic was the "mostest". Popular question of the day was, "What time are we having chow"? And, those of you who were unfortunate enough not to attend the picnic, and we admonish you to attend next year's doings, missed out on a completely delightful meal. Even those who were the most vehement in professing dislike for the main entre of Beef Noodle en Casserole really stashed it "down the hatch". Another "hit" was the tossed salad"A la Ching"with Bleu Cheese and Garlic dressing. The most popular, by far, athletic event of the day was "the swim", there were almost as many tots as adults in the pool. I saw you, BOB CASAS!...you tried to swim the length of the pool underwater and could make it only halfway before you came popping up, pursed your lips and went "Whoo"! Champ "high diver" was FRANK SIMERLY, who would make a neat spring in the air and ...actually...touch his toes before cleaving the water cleanly. Was gratified to see "TINO" HERRERA bring part of his brood, how many were there? -- lost count. Sharp dresser honors were evenly divided between, FRANK PARDOMO, who was completely Ivy-League, blue corderoy cap, striped shirt and ankle-choker white cotton trousers; and, JIM CAUFFIELD, who was completely outfitted in Calypso ready to Cha, Cha! After a hot volleyball contest the REBELS under the inspired leadership of BILLY HANK, "skunked" the DENIZENS OF THE LAGOON lead by "MARTY" MARTINEZ who would have lost by a wider margin had it not been for the tremendous leaps and serves of DON WOOLLEY. Of course, the arm hinges needed oiling the next day, eh, DON? Final score 21-20. The picnic was a huge success for only one reason; the initiative of everyone in helping out with the little unforseen problems inherent in social affairs and the boundless sense of camaraderie exhibited amoung staff and guests.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

There will be two theatre parties in the not too distant future about which you should give thought to and which is already evincing interest amoung LASCANS. On November 9th there will be a party going to see the opera LA TRAVIATA at the Shrine Auditorium and, also November 17th to see SWAN LAKE BALLET given by the ROYAL BALLET OF LONDON with dinner at a fine restaurant beforehand. Give thought to this within the next two weeks and let me know so that we can start making plans.

Dan Martel

AN ORGANIZATION OF GIVERS

September 10th thru 13th is drive time for "AID". The Aid program has been presented to many of you before in Staff News. New employees will find enlightening brochures concerning Aid enclosed within their pay envelopes.

Aid is an organization of givers. Most all of us give to charitable agencies but not with the ease of Aid's payroll deduction plan.

Last year, the sum of 6 1/2 million dollars was raised by some 1500 chapters of Aid. Aid money is such a grand help to dozens of charitable organizations - helping them defray expenses and release more money directly to practical work. You can imagine the potential of this fine program; a potential which will not be met if participation is not boosted. At the present time only 30% of all County employees are participants in the Aid program. Although some departments such as the Telephone Company (wages commensurate with our own) are at or near the 100% mark.

The Arboretum, as of now, has approximately 25% Aid participation. You 75% are missing a marvelous opportunity to help others and at the same time help yourself. Interested parties (particularly new employees) are invited to stop by the Gatehouse and discuss the program with your Aid representative, Ed Pugh.

Editor - Ed Pugh

Headhouse - Dan Martel

Service Building - Marty Martinez

Administration Building - Marge Wood

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STAFF NEWS

October 10, 1956.



A PATIENT PATIENT

The staff was shocked to learn on the 27th of September that "Sully" had been taken to Covina Inter-Community Hospital after a serious automobile accident in which he was thrown out of his car into a ditch.

Although "Sully's" injuries include a broken back, neck, hip, severe head injuries, and bruises, (he is strung up like a Circus tent with life-saving traction), visitors find him in fine spirits. His great strength and stamina came to his aid in a time of dire need and this date finds him on the road to recovery. He speaks highly of the friendly hospital personnel and is looking forward to seeing TV in the near future. In the recent baseball scramble "Sully" won two pots in a row, some winner eh! Drop into the hospital some evening and chat with "Sully" - you will find him in room 27, upstairs.

FOR YOUR MEMORANDUM

Sergeant Cooper of the California Highway Patrol will speak at the next staff meeting which is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on October 25th. He will tell us of the role California Highway Patrol is playing in traffic safety. The location of the meeting is to be announced later, it being hoped that the new buildings will be available.

AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

The driving spirit of George Bradley can be an inspiration to every one of us. George Bradley is totally blind yet he is a mechanized gardener and "ham" radio operator.

"Organic Gardening and Farming" magazine recently carried the story of this courageous man. He accomplishes his plowing, tilling, cultivating and bulldozing with a garden tiller unit called "moto-spade". This rotary tiller is easily operated by the blind and in George's case is easily serviced as well.

Amazing is the word for the straight rows in George's garden. By the clever use of stakes and guide lines strung along the rows he cultivates without injury to a single plant. All this without sight to judge distance and alignment.

George has one great advantage over the man with sight for he may escape the heat of the day by gardening in the cool of the night.

This man of spirit has triumphed over his handicap and is happy at work in garden or radio room, a lesson is to be learned from such men.

FRIENDS DEPART

To Eleanor Irvine and George Bunting we say (a Jack "Fawcettism")"so-long until we meet again". Eleanor's sparkling smile and cheery"good mornings" will be missed as one enters the receptionist's office. Her long icebound hubby (stationed in Greenland) returned a few weeks ago and the happy couple left for an Air Base near Tucson, Arizona.

George Bunting packed up his plant keys and returned East where he will proceed with preparations for a Ph.D. degree.

A DREAM COME TRUE

A dream of years finally came true for me this summer, a cycling trip through Europe. Encouraged by our Director to see Europe if possible this summer before I returned to LASCA full time, I made plans with the American Youth Hostels, Inc. to join one of their sponsored cycle tours through Central Europe on a students budget.

After frantic finals last June I hopped a Greyhound to New York where I met the other 9 of my group, 4 guys and 5 gals from many states, though I was the only "wild westerner".

It was a pleasant Atlantic crossing to Southampton, England where we got our new bikes with 3 speed transmissions and started on our way. Cycling across Southern England to New Haven where we hopped a channel steamer to Dieppe, France. We cycled and trained through France via Paris to Chamonix in the French Alps below Mont Blanc, 15,700 feet; wonderful hiking.

Switzerland was most beautiful with its snow capped peaks and large lakes by which most of the Swiss hostels we stayed in were located. Vienna, Austria, was one of the loveliest large cities we visited and I will always remember the last evening there, a Straus concert in the park in front of their cathedral-like city hall.

Traveling through Southern Germany, we were fascinated with such old villages as Rothenburg; the hostel there was built in 1668. Another lovely day was spent snapping pictures in the Botanischer Garten in Munich. Then on, we cycled through Belgium to Ostende and again took the steamer across the channel to Dover, England. Two more weeks in England allowed us to visit Canterbury, Oxford, Stratford and explore London, where I spent a day in Kew Gardens.

Cycling 1,437 miles allowed me to explore the European countryside and to stop for pictures anytime, but WOW, what an appetite I would develop. My biggest souvenier of the trip is 330 colored slides I took and some evening I would like to show many of them here to you Arboretum folks and tell you more about my travels.

Dennis Kucera
Guest Contributor

Ed. Pugh, Scribe

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STAFF NEWS

November 14, 1956

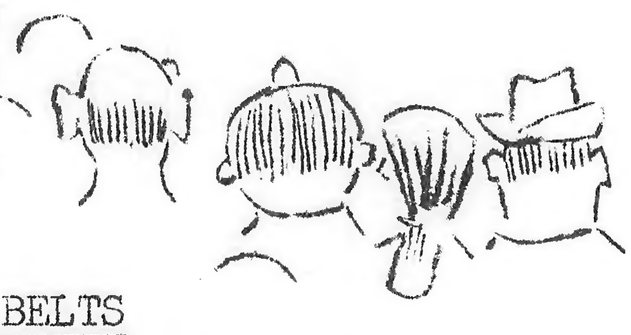


DEDICATION

Big events are brewing at LASCA, for the next month will be marked by dedication of the new administration building and the adjoining gatehouse. Ceremonies will be held Friday, December 14, 1956 at 2:00 p.m. with Leo Carrillo acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The program will be open to the public and there will be an opportunity to tour the new buildings. You staff members be sure and bring friends and family over for this long-awaited and very happy occasion.

An interesting sidelight of the dedication will be the announcement of the winning landscape architect in the Arboretum's contest for the best model home garden demonstration plot design. The home demonstration gardens will be located at the north side of the new administration building and will include garden plans for individual family needs, wants, and income brackets. It looks like a fine day has been planned, see you all there.



FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELTS

Do you catch yourself being careless in driving and in observance of safety rules? Not one of us can afford to be slack in driving the congested highways of today. Sgt. Cooper of the California Highway Patrol, El Monte, supplied the necessary reminding jolt at one of our recent staff meetings. Sgt. Cooper spoke on the topic, "Safety Rules and Devices for Safe Every Day Driving". During his very thot-provoking talk (followed by a lively question session) he advised that the use of Safety Belts be a must. Fasten your safety belts folks - it could mean the difference between life and death.

DECK THE HALL WITH BELLS AND HOLLY

You can already smell the precious fragrances of Yuletime in the air -- plum puddings cooking, pies in the oven, the popping corn beside the hearth, the eluding aroma of the mountains contained within a scrawny Christmas tree, the majestic bird emitting savory odors and slowly disintegrating at the hands of the chief carver.

Christmas this year at the Arboretum promises to be indeed festive in spirit. The party committee is at work planning a gala Christmas party to take place Monday morning, December 24th. This season's committee members are Bud Hallberg, field representative, and Dan Martel, greehouse- service unit representative. Please contact Bud or Dan if you wish to pay the remainder of your dues for the fiscal year 1956; that is January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are pleased to learn of several new additions in personnel and would like to acknowledge them.

Don Graf comes to us with a substantial background in natural history and considerable experience as a Scout Master; both valuable attributes for the position of Information Aid. Don's most recent job was at Borrego State Park, "fer" out in the desert, where he held the position of State Ranger. Previous to his desert experiences he spent four years chasing fires and bears at Lassen State Park and two years studying forestry at Muir college. He now lives in Altadena and spends leisure time pursuing the "open road".

Marge Wood, new typist clerk, is an alumnus of the County Probation Department I.D.C. (official staff capacity) and also of the Purchasing and Stores Department. She lives in Azusa and is the mother of a son 12 and a daughter 14. Marge has expressed great delight in being able to work with us and we are doubly delighted to have her in our midst.

A warm welcome to three new Park Maintenance Men Helpers: Tom Parker, Ed Underwood and Harold McCandless. More about these gentlemen in a later edition under the heading "Personal Sketches".

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STAFF NEWS

DECEMBER 10, 1956

DEDICATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK COMMISSION

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
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CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC.

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
to the
DEDICATION AND A TOUR

of the

LOS ANGELES STATE AND COUNTY ARBORETUM
NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND GATEHOUSE

301 N. BALDWIN AVENUE, ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA
on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1956 AT 2:00 P.M.

"OPERATION SULLY"

Arboretum staff members have donated over one hundred fifty dollars to alleviate "Sully's" hospitilization expenses. We should all feel proud and happy for the wonderful cooperation displayed by the staff in this endeavor.

The grand news has reached us that Sully, still incased in a cast, has been released from the hospital and is living at 708 Arden Road, Apt. F, El Monte.

THE ARBORETUM FAMILY SENDS TO SULLY AND DEWEY NELSON WISHES FOR THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date of the gala staff Christmas Party has been changed. The party is now to be held on Friday, December 21st, at 1:30 P.M., in the Lecture Room.

Gifts will be exchanged during the proceedings, the price not to exceed one dollar. A Party Committee member will contact each staff member and ask him or her to draw a name.

The Party promises to be great fun - be on hand - be sure your gift is a useful item.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

